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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Docket No 02-60 (Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program)

Dear Office of the Secretary:

It is with great interest and support that I send this letter on behalf of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN). This funding through the FCC's Pilot Program would create such an incredible future for healthcare in our rural area that covers over 15,000 square miles with a population over 93,000 residents.

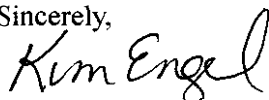
I am the Director of the Panhandle Public Health District; I work very closely with the entire Panhandle and the RNHN for the clear vision of providing first rate healthcare. I work on preventative measures and promote the collaborative efforts that the RNHN has worked so diligently to master and to continue to foster for the future healthcare needs of the residents of the Panhandle.

The Pilot Program was established many years ago to promote advances in healthcare for rural America. The RNHN has had that same vision and has established an intertwined medical community that reaches hundreds of miles across the Panhandle. Even with the best collaborative means, without financial support the programs that need to be implemented remain merely a dream.

With the financial support from the Pilot Program I know the RNHN is the particular group of people this program was created for. I know that President Bush's Healthcare initiatives are at the forefront of his goals as he finishes his term as President. The RNHN has everything set in place to put the plans to work with the financial help of the FCC.

I appreciate your time and consideration of the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network for the Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program; they would continue to set very high priorities in providing futuristic medical needs for the Panhandle of Nebraska.

Sincerely,



Kim Engel, Director
Panhandle Public Health District

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